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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FIUME AFFAIR.

Investing Forces Reinforced.

Rome, December 28.
A message from Trieste, dated December 27, says that firing continued to-day. The investing forces have been reinforced. The Mayor of Fiume has requested an interview with the Commander of the Abazia Division, which has been granted.

Fierce Fighting.

Rome, December 28.
The events at Fiume have caused a painful impression and it is feared will cause agitation throughout the country. The theatres at Milan are closed.

The Government has issued a warning that demonstrators in favour of D'Annunzio will be severely punished.

Signor Giolitti has informed anxious Deputies that the troops have been ordered as far as possible to avoid bloodshed at Fiume, whose occupation is expected to be completed to-day. He denied the report that D'Annunzio had been killed or wounded or that private houses at Fiume had been shelled, although he admitted that a warship fired a few rounds at D'Annunzio's headquarters and barracks.

Unofficial accounts of the fighting confirm the statement that the Italians refrained from artillery fire, although they encountered houses transformed into machine-gun nests and streets defended with barbed wire. The fighting was fierce. A rebel armoured car made a desperate stand and the crew was killed before the car was captured.

U.S. TARIFF LEGISLATION.

Protection Needed for Farmers.

Washington, December 28.
In the Senate, Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader, opposed the Emergency Tariff Bill. He declared that its effect would be to restrict American commerce. He particularly opposed the embargo on Canadian wheat.

Senator McCumber retorted that the entire wheat surplus of Canada was coming to the United States. Senator Stoot said twenty millions sterling worth of wool was now en route to America. He urged that American farmers should be protected.

The Democrats finally withdrew their opposition to the Republican plan to refer the matter to the Finance Committee in order that the Bill should be disposed of.

U.S. SHIPPING REGULATIONS.

Another Bill Introduced.

New York, December 28.
Senator Jones, the Chairman of the States Commerce Committee has introduced a Bill requiring foreign ships entering American waters to carry permits issued by the Shipping Board, which will not be granted unless sanitary, food, wages and other conditions are of an equal standard to American vessels.

NEW YORK HARBOUR WORKERS STRIKE.

Support of Masters' and Pilots' Union.

New York, December 28.
The Harbour Boatmen's Union has voted on a strike, which is to begin on January 1, and is sympathetically supported by the Masters, Pilots and Pilots Union, involving altogether 5,000 men, who refuse to accept a 64-hour week.

FORTIFYING PANAMA CANAL.

Washington, December 28.
The Fortifications Committee are shortly introducing a Bill to Congress whereby the Panama Canal is to be made impregnable to attack from air, land or sea.

ANOTHER STRIKE OVER.

London, December 28.
The Rhondda strikers have decided to return to work, pending negotiations.

DRY-DOCK FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria (B.C.), December 28.
The Government has contracted with Messrs. Lyall and Sons, Montreal, to construct a dry-dock at Esquimalt Navy Yard at a cost of \$4,300,000.

WIN FOR M.C.C.

Bendigo, December 28.
The M.C.C. beat fifteen of Bendigo by an innings and 263 runs.

TO-DAY'S 'CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Shanghai, December 28.
A report from Hunan states that the provincial troops have retreated before the Yunnan forces commanded by Li Li-chuen. All the vernacular papers in Peking have been notified by the Vice Authority that Dr. Wellington Koo's telegram has not mentioned anything about the 21 conditions, and that in future any comment in regard to diplomatic matters must be carefully verified before publication.

It is rumoured that the authorities of Fokien, Shensi, Chekiang and Szechuen have requested that an amnesty should be given to the bandits who have been active in these provinces.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

Decision of Conference of Ambassadors.

London, December 28.
The question of the disarmament of Germany has reached a critical stage, owing to the failure of the German Government to carry out the provisions of the Spa agreement. The conference of Ambassadors at Paris has decided to refer the matter again to the respective Governments.

According to the Paris Echo, although the German regular army has been reduced to the 100,000 stipulated for by January 1st, Germany still retains armed forces of about 300,000 including police, Customs officers, and forest guards, besides irregular organisations formed during the revolution comprising two million men, with over a million rifles and a number of machine guns.

According to the Echo, the Allied reply to the German refusal to disband the civic guard in East Prussia and Bavaria is couched in very energetic terms and calls upon Germany to respect the Allied decisions.

CALIFORNIA LAND LAW.

Japan Withdraws Objections.

London, December 28.
A Washington telegram says that after a conference between Mr. Kahn, the Japanese representative and Mr. Morris, American Ambassador to Japan, at the State Department, it was reported in official circles that Japan had withdrawn her objections to the California law prohibiting land-holding by Japanese. Mr. Kahn refused to deny or confirm the report, but a Congressman who is in close touch with the Japanese question said he believed Britain had advised Japan to withdraw her objections.

"NEWS" FROM HONGKONG MAN.

What the Home Papers are Told.

London, December 28.
Mr. T. B. Partington, from Hongkong, in a special article in the newspaper *Financial* on trade openings in China, asseverates that the Chinese merchants are gentlemen. As to (British?) representatives in China, of which at present the good men are very few and insufficient to cope with the volume of business, he alleges that since the Armistice the representatives he has met had better stay at home, as by falling foul of the Chinese they are ineffectual.

NEWSPAPER DIRECTORS SENTENCED.

The "Freeman's Journal" Case.

London, December 28.
Besides the editor, two Directors of *Freeman's Journal* have been sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.

London, December 28.
Altogether eleven were killed and several injured, two banks robbed, and newspaper offices in Dublin and Cork attacked in Ireland during the Christmas holidays.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

WRANGLER'S ARMY.

Paris, Dec. 27.
The remnants of Wrangel's army, distributed between Constantinople, Yugo Slavia and Tunis, are becoming a source of anxiety. The conditions of thirty thousand refugees at Cattaro are especially disquieting owing to ravages of typhus, absence of accommodation and lack of communications in a country which is a rocky desert. French newspapers declare that France cannot indefinitely provide the wants of seventy thousand Russians who must find work and earn a living instead of complaining.

TREATY OF VERSAILLES.

Berlin, Dec. 27.
Foreign Minister Simons in an article in the "Frankfurter" declares that the more the Treaty of Versailles is carried into effect the worse becomes the position of the German people. He complains especially that the Allies are hindering the maintenance of civil order by preventing the co-operation of the various volunteer organisations. He believes, however, that the business-like proceedings of the Reparations Experts at Brussels indicate that Germany's war debt will be fixed at reasonable limits.

THE FIUME AFFAIR.

Berlin, Dec. 27.
Hitherto the Italian regulars have lost thirty killed and one hundred wounded in the fighting with D'Annunzio's legionaries. The latter have broken up four bridges on the Raccina River. The Municipal Council at Rome adjourned after ordering the flag of the Capital to be half-masted as an expression of anxiety at the events at Fiume.

CLYDE OUTPUT.

London, Dec. 27.
The shipbuilding and engineering output of the Clyde for 1920 is 283 vessels, 669,960 tons were launched and 665,917 horsepower.

NEW G. O. C. ARRIVES.

Official Landing at Blake Pier.

By the transport Bremen, which came into port to-day, there arrived the new General Officer Commanding the Troops (Lieut. General Sir George Macaulay Kirkpatrick, K.C.S.I., K.C.B.), who succeeds Major General F. Ventris, C.B., in the China Command.

The new General made his official landing at Blake Pier at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the presence of a large assemblage of Staff and other officers. A Guard of Honour was provided by the Wiltshire Regiment.

Amongst those present to welcome the new G.O.C. were Major General F. Ventris, C.B., and the following officers of the Staff—Lieut. Col. W. M. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. R.M. Crosse, and Major R.B. Young. The following officers commanding heads of Departments were also present—Lieut. Col. W. Loring, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. R.J.W. Taylor, C.R.E., Lieut. Col. N. Greer, Lieut. Col. A. Delacombe, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. J.R. Wyndham, D.S.O., Major H. Greenaway, Major G. N. Humphreys, D.S.O., Major T.M. Wakefield, D.S.O., Major W.O.S. Sanders, D.S.O., and Capt. H.S. Mills, M.B.E.

Accompanying the General was his A.D.C., Lieutenant C. S. Fisher, M.C. Lady Kirkpatrick and two daughters also arrived on the Bremen.

Lieut. General Sir George Kirkpatrick is staying at the Hongkong Hotel and will make his official call at Government House to-morrow morning.

A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

Lieutenant General Sir George Macaulay Kirkpatrick has had a most distinguished military career, including considerable active service, for which he has won several decorations. A son of the late Sir George Airey Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G. ex-Lieutenant Governor of Canada, he was born on August 23rd, 1866. He was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Canada; Hailbury; and the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada. Entering the Army in 1885, as a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, he was promoted Captain in 1894, Major in 1903, Colonel in 1906 and Major General in June, 1915.

General Kirkpatrick's Staff service is as follows—A.D.C. to the G.O.C. Thames District, from August, 1892, to January, 1895; D.A.A.G. (Intelligence) South Africa, from November, 1899, to September, 1902; D.A.A.G. M.G. Canada, from September, 1902 to November, 1904; G.S.O. and D.A.A.G. M.G., Headquarters of Army, from November, 1904, to September, 1906; A.Q.M.G. and G.S.O., Headquarters India, from October, 1906 to May, 1910; Inspector General of the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces from 1910 to January, 1914; Director of Military Operations, Headquarters India, from June, 1914, to January, 1916; Chief of the General Staff, Headquarters India, from January, 1916, to February, 1920.

The new G.O.C. has the following war services to his credit—South African War (1899-1902); On staff; relief of Kimberley and other operations, for which he was twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps. The War of 1914-19—Twice mentioned in despatches, promoted Major General, awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure (1st Class), and made K.C.B.

GENERAL VENTRIS' FAREWELL.
The following cable has been sent to the Officer Commanding the Troops at Tientsin—

"Major General Ventris, on vacating the Command of the Troops in China, has been

DAY BY DAY.

Only about twenty military families arrive by the Bremen to-day. Others are expected on the Himalaya, which leaves Hong to-morrow. Some recruits for the Police Force arrived by the Bremen.

A hat snatcher operated early this morning at West Point. His victim was Mr. Young, of the Asiatic Trading Company, who reports that his velvet felt hat, of the value of £2, was stolen from him whilst returning early this morning from West Point.

The Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital have received two telegrams from the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Havana requesting them to inform all the Hongkong and Canton Chinese newspapers that owing to the Cuban crisis over ten thousand Chinese labourers are out of employment, and to advise all Chinese not to be misled into believing that Cuba is a fine field to which to emigrate.

Six Fukienses who were found guilty of creating a disorder at West Point were to-day fined \$5 each on the evidence of Inspector Wills, who stated that, under the impression that an armed robbery was being carried out, he and a party of Police Officers went to Connaught Road West, only to discover that the defendants, with others not in custody, were the moving spirits in a big fight in which some three hundred Chinese were engaged.

The British Industries Fair which is organised by the Department of Overseas Trade for the purpose of demonstrating in the most effective manner the nature and scope of British manufactures, will be held in London, Birmingham and Glasgow in February and March of next year. It is hoped that many buyers from Overseas will be attracted. Full particulars may be obtained at the office of the Commercial Secretary to H.M. Legation, New Government Buildings, Hongkong.

One of the biggest productions shown this year is enjoying a successful season at the Coronet, where capacity houses have been registered since its introduction. For the gorgeousness of its scenes and corresponding merits in relation to acting and atmosphere, it could hardly be excelled, though there are those who think that the plot is a little dull at times. However, this is more than compensated by the novelty of the scenes which are associated with native life in the Turkish capital. The production which is entitled "The Virgin of Stamboul" is advertised to run for a few more nights.

Recently a mistake was made by the Police Records Department which led to a prisoner who was convicted of gambling to undergo a penalty rather more severe than the case deserved. This man had been brought before the Magistrate and charged with gambling, and a previous conviction which should have been registered against another man, was, through a mistake, brought against this prisoner, with the result that he was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The discovery of this error now requires a readjustment of the Magistrate's sentence, and for this purpose a reopening of the case was applied for to-day by the Police.

DON'T FORGET.

To-day.
Theatre Royal—Bandman Co present "Caesar's Wife"—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
To-morrow.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

CONTRACT DISPUTE.

Summary Court Claim.

In the Summary Court this morning, before His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, there was down for hearing the suit of the China Overseas Trading Co., Ltd., against Yan Fat and Co., of \$5, Bonham Strand East, for \$874.40, being damages sustained by reason of the defendants' breach of contract in failing to take delivery of twenty tons of phosphates of lime, bought by the defendants from the plaintiffs under contract.

Mr. Blake appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. C. F. Mason for the defendants.

Mr. Blake said the phosphates arrived by the Kanibar. The sweepings (about 20 tons) were cleared from the ship and stored in a godown. That was on July 11th last. The goods were ready for delivery on the due date and there was no default on the plaintiffs. These sweepings of phosphates of lime were packed in bags.

His Lordship—It was inspected before the contract was signed?

Mr. Blake—Yes.

Mr. Mason—No, my Lord. Mr. Blake, continuing, said his instructions were that the broker and a representative of the defendant firm named Fung inspected the samples of the goods. The defendants were informed that the goods were ready for delivery. On August 23rd last a letter was sent saying that should the lime deteriorate the plaintiffs would not be responsible. No answer was received, and on September 10th another letter was written threatening to sell the cargo on the following day. On the following day, Fung, the defendants' agent, called upon the plaintiffs and said that he would take delivery in a few days. The plaintiffs gave him time, accordingly. A final notice was given on November 10th.

His Lordship—The contract was running by mutual agreement?

Mr. Mason—It was not running.

His Lordship—That is Mr. Blake's case.

An employee of Messrs. Struthers and Dixon said he employed the plaintiffs to sell the phosphates of lime on his behalf. He was the real vendor.

Mr. Mason—Most of the items in the plaint must come out, then. He is the real man who suffered the damages, and not the plaintiffs.

The witness explained that he instructed the plaintiffs to sell the lime on his behalf, on July 6th, on commission. He paid \$45 a ton for the stuff.

The case was adjourned.

CONCRETE SHIPS.

New Yard at Kowloon.

Messrs. Brossard, Mopin and Company, the well-known reinforced concrete constructors, are establishing a small reinforced concrete ship-building yard at Kowloon, and work at this plant has commenced with the construction of a lighter which will serve the needs of the Company in their growing business. Though on a small scale, this construction marks the first undertaking of its kind in the Colony, and the example thus set by this French firm will, it is hoped, be emulated by others. The Standard Oil Company has also built a float on similar lines at their installation at Lanchow, the cheapness and facility in the construction of which no doubt form the reason for the Company's preference for this class of marine construction.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 3s/1 15/16d.

THE WEATHER.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.02. Temperature—68. Humidity—75. LIGHTNING—None.

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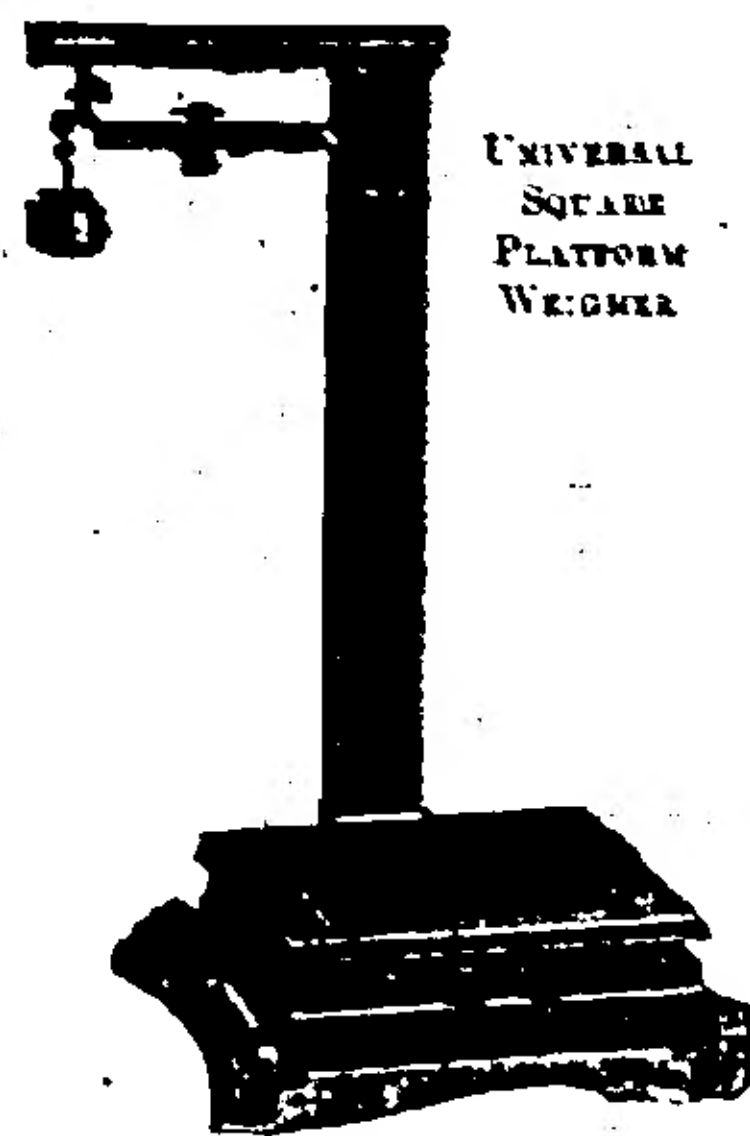
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table good to the Colony. (Applause). And their value is greatly enhanced, as this is, by the gracious presence of our revered Governor. (Applause). On the last occasion I alluded to His Excellency did us a similar honour, which testifies to the interest he takes in our welfare. Needless to say, the hosts of this evening highly appreciate this honour, as must do the whole Chinese community; and they are no less appreciative of the compliment which the other distinguished guests have paid us by participating in this function. (Applause). I am not going to tell each of them what a fine fellow he is. (Laughter). It is unnecessary. All that I am going to do is to thank them on behalf of my fellow-hosts and myself for their presence, and to assure them of our high esteem and regard. (Applause). With these few uninteresting but sincere remarks, I will call upon my compatriots to drink to the health of our other guests, associating with the toast the name of Sir Reginald Stubbs, who by his rare qualities has already won the admiration of the whole community. (Applause). When the toast had been drunk His Excellency the Governor responded.

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor responded. He said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I think that on the occasion to which Mr. Ho Fook has so eloquently alluded I must have responded on behalf of the other guests and I feel quite sure that I said then the appropriate things to say and that if I were to repeat them, I should, as Mr. Ho Fook said, be convicted by the files of the local press of repeating myself, a thing which I am very sorry to do, and I am sure you will be quite sorry too. I will therefore only say on behalf of my fellow guests that I thank you very much for having given us the opportunity of being present to meet so many prominent members of the Chinese community and do honour to our distinguished colleagues, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Hallifax. It is a pleasure to all of us to be present on this occasion and to testify in that way, as Mr. Ho Fook has said, to the unity of the people of Hongkong in general, Chinese and Europeans. I feel sure that sentiments of mutual esteem are those which animate us on occasions of this kind. Speaking for myself and the Government, I should like to emphasise a remark of Mr. Fletcher's with regard to the duty of the Chinese towards the Government. I have been associated with government for a good many years and I regret to say, that I regret to find that criticism from the West generally starts from the assumption that the Government has always got some ulterior

motive and that it is a motive that would probably not bear investigation. I have not found that amongst the Chinese. I have always found that they regard us as possibly rather a stupid people but as a people who really endeavour to do their best, and people whom it had pleased providence to put in their control. I am very glad that they should have that feeling, and as they have that feeling it means that their comments and criticisms are helpful, and after all that is the one excuse for comment and criticism. I think that probably if you refer to the remarks I made ten months ago you will find there everything which I ought to say on this occasion and I will not detain you further, merely to express on behalf of my fellow guests thanks for your hospitality and our appreciation of the opportunity which you have given us to meet you. (Applause).

Mr. Justice Gompertz: Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman and all our kind hosts, I may say that when I accepted your very kind invitation to attend here to-night I did not expect I would have to get up and make a speech. I am but one of the other guests, one of the also ran. But it has been suggested, and it is a very pleasant task, that I should ask you to drink the health of our guests. Chairman. His native language is Chinese and he must therefore speak it better than he does English, but I for one find it difficult to believe that he can speak any language better than he does our own. I don't want to weary you with long iteration. As a sage told us long ago "The Queen's Road from end to end is paved with good intentions." But on behalf of your guests to-night, our kind hosts, I ask you and I ask my fellow guests to join with me in toasting Mr. Lau Chu-pak. (Applause).

The toast was honoured and the Chairman acknowledged it, after which the firing of crackers brought the proceedings to a close.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

BRITAIN LABOUR TROUBLES.

Owing mainly to the high cost and unsettled conditions of British labour, shipping and engineering contracts continue to be diverted from Great Britain to the Continent.

ADMIRALTY'S MOVE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The British Admiralty is seeking to acquire some 2,000 square miles of smokeless steam coal-bearing territory in British Columbia. British Columbia coal seams are known to be extensive and valuable, and the coal is of excellent quality, while its proximity to the Pacific seaboard, with its numerous deep-water harbours, make them easily accessible. Nanaimo, on the Coast, has already a considerable export trade in coal, and there is no doubt that a big development in mining and shipping coal is possible.

LAWN TENNIS LESSONS.

Leading Players of the Year. A. E. Crawley writes in the Observer—

The lawn tennis "world," at least in this country, is, quite rightly, always watching out for the appearance of new stars. As a rule it has to wait as well, and to resign itself to the continued presence of the old brigade. And the old brigade generally justifies its thyroidal continuation of life.

Taking our own players first, I perceived most promise in C. A. McConchie and T. Bevan. The latter is not yet twenty; he was in the Eton cricket eleven, and cricket is a good introduction to lawn tennis. Among the boy players, who are now well catered for by many tournaments, Riba, Weinberg, Dearman, and Mahony were the best of a large field, the presence of which is encouraging. Of the younger ladies, Miss D. C. Shepherd, Miss K. Betty, Mrs. R. C. Clayton, Miss E. L. Colyer, and Miss K. McKane are a fine contingent, any of whom should soon be able to dispute the supremacy of Miss Lenglen.

The older of our men players did very well in the best American, Australasian, and French company. Roper Barrett played little, but he is still the best tactician and strategist in doubles that the game possesses. M. J. G. Ritchie, in several of his many victorious matches, played as well as ever during his career. The life of a first-class player is certainly longer in lawn tennis than in most games. J. C. Parke played but little, but that very well, once showing his former greatness when he defeated W. M. Johnston at Wimbledon. This brilliant running drive is still without an equal. A. R. F. Kingscote made a great fight against Tilden, the champion, at Wimbledon. He has many years of good play ahead; he is our most reliable representative, but will not improve his somewhat slow and unimaginative game. P. M. Dawson and T. M. Mavrogordato retained their form in doubles. Their defeat of Fisher and Beamish in the recent World's Championship of covered courts was a fine achievement. G. R. Sherwell seems to be barred in the road to great things by his health. But he is a fine volleyer of the enterprising school. In contrast there are the brothers Lowe, confirmed baseliners. A. H. has played very little. F. G. has played much, and may feel rewarded by the opinion that he has never played better than towards the end of this season. He is perhaps the most reliable off-the-ground player the game has had. W. C. Crawley is still young enough to have his best years in front of him. He rarely played; but his recent defeat of Ritchie was among the best exhibitions of the all-round game during the year. O. G. N. Turnbull is rather a conundrum, young and strong, with fine strokes; he seems to get no further. Max Woosnam, a real genius, does not play enough to develop his promise. He has it in him to be the finest player in the game.

THE AMERICAN INVASION.

The American invasion was successful. And we are told that there are some thirty youngsters in that great country of the calibre of Garland. The champion, W. T. Tilden, was new to us, but he was a revelation. For power and variety of stroke he has never been equalled. His progress to the championship was triumphal, in the sense that he thought it out and analysed the powers of his antagonists in a masterly fashion. A theorist, and still under thirty, he may further develop his game and tactics. W. M. Johnston, his partner and victim in the recent national championship of the U.S.A., is a unique exponent of the forehand drive. A smallish, slight man, the force and deadly accuracy of his drive are marvellous. He can follow it up with a strong forehand volley. Otherwise his strokes and tactics have little ice to cut. R. N. Williams showed glimpses of past form and of present possibilities, which make Tilden and others regard him as the greatest of all players. Garland is a player of classical style and more severity than seems possible from so mild a man. He and Williams are almost ideal doubles partners. Other members of the American ranking list were not over here—V. Richards, Lindley Murray, R. Roberts, W. T. Hayes, W. M. Washburn, Wallace Johnson, nor Willis Davis, C. J. Griffin, and others. It appears that Richards is a new thing in the volleying line, absolutely without precedent. Johnson, of the chop system, is still improving. H. G. Mayes, of Canada, is a much-

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Of the Australasians, Patterson, ex-champion, was out of practice and was easily beaten by Tilden. But he is very young, and his service is great; he has still a big future to look forward to. With Brookes in doubles he was formidable. S. N. Doust played rarely, but is actually improved as a singles player, though hitherto concentrating on doubles. F. M. B. Fisher proved himself the most brilliant but most erratic player of the year. This left-hander has a wonderful repertoire of strokes and hits harder than any player.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

The South Africans had considerable success, but they are not yet convincing as world's players. G. H. Dodd is extraordinarily steady; Norton is a brilliant boy with a hurricane style, not likely to improve. L. Raymond, a stolid base-liner, defeated the famous Kameg, who was short of practice. A possible coming South African is young Blackbeard, a dashing volleyer. The Japanese, Z. Shimidzu, was interesting, but his weak service and badly produced forehand spell no progress. Mishu, the Roumanian, has a wonderful eye enabling him to half-volley nearly everything, but his methods are so eccentric that they are at present a fatal handicap.

Among the Frenchmen Gobert plays the greatest game on wood in covered courts we have yet seen. More than ever an artist, he has now added great severity and determination. Laurentz has been brilliant; he

might beat any-one and be beaten by many. Both these men are great stylists. Decugis, the father of French tennis, is out of singles. J. Brugnon is a young player with a future.

Much is said of the Spaniards, the brothers Alonso. Miss Ryan is the next best woman player. Mrs. Packer, champion of India, has a fine all-round game. Americans swear by Mrs. Wightman and Mrs. Mallory.

One lesson in the technical line was the value of variety of stroke, as exemplified by Tilden who mixed his drive with slices and alternated a plain, fast service with one heavily twisted. Tilden also illustrated, as did Gobert, the advantages of tall stature for covering the court and dominating the net. He and others also demonstrated the outstanding importance of the service as a foundation of a first-class game.

F. G. Lowe has the credit of driving home the truth—that the volleying game in singles is useless against the best baseliners unless it is of superquality and energy. Ritchie himself has played the volleying game as well as most players, but prefers to avoid it as being too exhausting. F. G. Lowe can hit the side-line to an inch, and to cover nine yards, the width of the court would tax the best of sprinters. Lowe has the trick of sending a short ball to force the opponent to the net, when he will be passed on the second if not the first return. The facts thus point to necessary development in mobility for players who wish to shine in the attacking game.

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St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.

In addition to the usual monthly allowances to the Poor the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have (says the *Rock*) made the following special Christmas grants to the poor under their care and to those in the various Homes and convents:

To the poor under the Society's care (\$5 for each adult and \$1 for each child)	\$750.00
Poor in Italian Convent, Caine Road.	160.00
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Poor in French Convent, Causeway Bay.	100.00
Poor in "La Calvaire" Woonnei-chung Road.	50.00
Inmates of Blind Home, Hunghom.	50.00
Inmates of St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Kowloon Tong.	50.00

The last mentioned institution is for the aged poor of 60 years or over. There are at present, we understand, some 40 inmates in the Home, and the number is to be increased very soon. The Home is under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and will be in charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who will arrive in the Colony in a few months. It is at present being temporarily cared for by the Italian Sisters of Charity who very kindly, and at considerable sacrifice, spared three of their sisters for the work pending the arrival of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Building which was formerly the Rest House of the Basel Missionary Society, has been thoroughly overhauled and many improvements have been effected in order to fit it for its new inmates. A pretty little chapel has been prepared, and whole building has taken on that appearance of order and immaculate neatness which one always associates with institutions conducted by an order of nuns.

We are informed that when the Mother Provincial for the East of the Little Sisters of the Poor was in Hongkong recently on her way to Europe, she visited, among other institutions in the Colony, the Tung Wa Hospital, where she found some aged poor over 60 years, who, after treatment, had been allowed to remain in the hospital as they had no friends or relatives to take care of them. When she was told that these poor old people were occupying accommodation which was urgently required for cases needing treatment in the hospital, the Mother Provincial announced that the Little Sisters of the Poor, when they arrived, would be glad to receive these aged poor into their new Home and thus relieve the congestion in the Tung Wa Hospital.

Hongkong's new Home is doing an excellent work of charity, and we feel sure that the Little Sisters of the Poor will earn for them-

THE YAUMATI TRAGEDY.

Funeral of Sergt. Gardiner.

The funeral of the late Lance Sergeant R. C. Gardiner took place last evening in the presence of a large and representative gathering of his brother officers of the Police Force. The remains encased in a plain coffin were brought over from Kowloon Mortuary in a Police launch to Tin Lok Lane pier where they were placed on a gun-carriage, drawn by eight Lance Sergeants. The Band of the Wiltshires headed the procession, and the gun-carriage was followed by the Lance Sergeants, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. T. H. King (Deputy Superintendent of Police), Chief Inspector Kerr, Chief Detective Inspector Munro, Inspectors Sullivan, Gerrard, Grant, Appleton, Kent, Moore, Birchall, Earner, Jackson, Paterson, Culliford, Gordon, Mohinder Singh, Cockle, Nabor Khan, and other officers, the Revenue Officers, Prison Wardens, and Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force.

At the gate of the Protestant Cemetery, the coffin was lifted to the shoulders of six Lance Sergeants, and borne to the upper part of the Cemetery where the remains, after an impressive service conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyie, were transferred to their last resting place. A large number of wreaths bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held by his colleagues. Following are the names of those who sent wreaths:—No. 2 Police Station. Sergeants Messrs. (Central Police Station), Water Police Station, deceased's comrades of the Yaumati Police Messrs. Central Sanitary Department, The Indian Police, European Revenue Officers, the Staff of Victoria Gaol, sub-Inspectors and Sergeants of Central Police Station, Sergeants Messrs. (Wiltshires), Sergeants of Water Police, Chinese detectives, Inspector Ng Mok and all Chinese constables, Naval Yard Police, Chief Inspector and Mrs. Kerr, Chief Detective Inspector Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Inspector and Mrs. Purden, Inspector Grant, Inspector and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Inspector and Mrs. Earner, Inspector Gordon, Inspector and Mrs. Appleton, Inspector and Mrs. Mox, Inspector and Mrs. Garrod and family, Inspector and Mrs. Cargill, Inspector Cockle, Inspector Gerrard, Sergeant McLellan, Sub-Inspector Spear, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kynock, Mr. and Mrs. Millington, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark, and Mr. E. T. W. Slay.

selves in this Colony that wonderful affection and regard in which they are held by all classes and creeds wherever they have established one of their Homes for the Aged Poor, to whose service their lives are devoted.

WAR MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1920.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Latest Results by Mail.

The latest Home mail brings the following football results:—

FIRST DIVISION.

Aston Villa	4	Bradford	1
Blackburn R.	2	Bristol Wand.	2
Chelsea	2	Sheffield U.	1
Everton	1	Sunderland	1
Arsenal	4	Huddersfield	0
Manchester U.	1	Manchester City	1
Middlesbrough	1	Derby County	0
Newcastle U.	2	Liverpool	0
Oldham Ath.	2	Burnley	0
Preston N.E.	2	Tottenham H.	1

SECOND DIVISION.

Cardiff City	4	Blackpool	2
Bristol City	1	Nottingham	0
Bury	0	Barnsley	0
Clapton	2	Rotherham C.	0
Notts County	1	Leicester City	1
Wednesday	3	Fulham	0
South Shields	0	Hull City	0
Stockport Co.	2	Bristol Ham.	0
Birmingham	2	Stoke	1
Wolverham.	2	Preston N.E.	1

THIRD DIVISION.

Exeter City	1	Crystal Pal.	1
Grimsby Town	2	O.P. Rangers	1
Luton Town	4	Northwich City	0
Millwall	1	Watford	0
Northampton	3	Plymouth A.F.	0
Reading	2	Brentford	1
Southampton	4	Bristol Rovers	0
Swansea T.	0	Brighton	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Hibernians	2	Dundee	0
Parkirk	2	Heart of Mid.	2
Rangers	4	Hamilton A.	0
Clyde	2	Celtic	1
Rath Rovers	2	Greenock M.	0
Aberdeen	3	St. Mirren	1
Adrianians	1	Partick Thistle	2
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having arrived. Consignees of cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Hongkong & Kowloon, Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 4th Jan. 1921 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 11th January 1921, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 4th January at 10 a.m. by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE LTD.

General Agents.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE SHELL TRANSPORT & TRADING CO., LTD.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STRUTHERS & DIXON INC.

From SAN FRANCISCO

THE Steamship

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having arrived from San Francisco via ports, on 29th December, 1920, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned. All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 4th Jan., 1921, by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 5th January, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature immediately.

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NOTICE.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

Scotsmen are reminded that the list of subscriptions to the above closes on the 31st instant and any who intend to subscribe are requested to send in their subscriptions on or before that date to either of the undersigned.

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President.

Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.

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T. W. HILL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.

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NOTICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA E. C.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 30th 1920, at 5.30 p.m. for 6 p.m. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Morning Dress.

NOTICE.

It is notified for information of owners of private chairs and rickshaws that licences for private chairs, private rickshaws and drivers are due for renewal on January 1st 1921.

P. P. J. WODEHOUSE.

Capt. Supt. of Police.

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"PROTESILAUS"	15th Feb.	Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver

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"LAOMEDON"	10th January	via Suez

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

S. S. "MONTAGUE."

having arrived from Portland via ports, on Dec. 23rd Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of The Hon. Shan Godown Co., 16 & 17 Kennedy Town, Praya, Hongkong, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined, at 10 a.m. on December 28th by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec. 29th will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature immediately.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1920.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st Dec., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th Jan., 1921 or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1920.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP
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From JAPAN

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 22nd inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 7th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

From EUROPE & STRAITS.
The Company's Steamship

"KAKA MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon Today.

Goods not cleared by the 1st Jan., 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1920.

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There is nothing so vastly entertaining as to watch the antics of the chief exponents of ball games when they come to try their hands at golf, says a writer in the Observer. Whether they are champions at billiards, lawn tennis, cricket, real tennis, and even the much despised croquet, it is all the same—failure more or less pronounced. You would imagine that the billiards player, with his delicate touch and his power of concentration, would be a heaven-sent putter; that the tennis champion and the cricketer, with their wonderful driving powers, and their wonderful sense of timing and accurate judges of distance, would make great hitters. This is certainly not the case, and why it should be so is not altogether easy to understand. There have, of course, been great cricketers who have made a success of golf. The Hon. F. S. Jackson, whose fame on the cricket-field was known in the remotest corners of the world, is now a plus two golfer and the present holder of the Parliamentary Cup. He is as graceful and as stylish a golfer as he was a batsman; the controlled three-quarter swing of the club is beautifully rhythmic, while there is a decided whip of the hands when the ball is being hit. Mr. Ernest Smith, the Yorkshire cricketer, another plus golfer, contrived to unlearn one game in order to become proficient at another.

Mr. W. G. Grace tried unsuccessfully to combine the cricket and the golf stroke. I believe he became a single figure handicap man, but he could never quite understand how it was that the secret of this "paltzy" game eluded him so persistently. In a weak moment I was once rash enough to explain to him the fundamental difference between the golf swing and the cricket stroke or hit. I was unceremoniously waved aside, only to see him make the most horrible mess of his very next shot. Mr. R. E. Foster and Mr. A. C. M. Croome were two other well-known cricketers who possessed the genius, so extraordinarily rare, of perceiving that the essentials of one game were not necessarily those of another. I know of no champion billiards player, with the single exception of Mr. Sidney Fry, who has ever made a first-class golfer.

STATIONARY v. MOVING BALL. I have been led to these observations because of what I saw at Worpleston two days ago, when the Lawn Tennis Cup, presented by Lord Desborough, was being played for, and among the competitors were Great Britain's Davis Cup players—Messrs. A. R. F. Kingscote, A. E. Beamish, and A. H. Lowe. In the case of Mr. Kingscote it can be said that he has some resemblance to a golfing style, but in the others it is practically non-existent. Mr. Kingscote had the

courage to return his card—100 to be exact—but the scores of Mr. Beamish and Mr. A. Lowe were so utterly bad that they were torn to shreds and thrown to the four winds of heaven long before the eighteenth hole was reached. Now, what is it that these famous lawn tennis players do which is opposed to the true teachings of golf? After a careful study of their methods, curiously alike, of hitting the stationary ball, it is plain that they employ the same principles as when hitting a ball travelling swiftly across a net. This, of course, will not do at all, and only leads to terrible disaster. In golf you hit under and up; in lawn tennis you hit down in order to create the destructive top spin.

Very few of these lawn tennis players were able to accustom themselves to unusual surroundings, and part company, temporarily at any rate, with ingrained habit. The overhand drive, which just skims the net and then skids or performs a wicked swerve, is the very shot you want to avoid at golf. On the links such a shot is known as a whole-hearted top, which either fails to carry the heather, or dashes into the face of a bunker. If by any chance the ball does happen to get into the air, then of a certainty it will be hooked violently into the rough. This is the result of employing the right hand almost exclusively to hit with, and as a direct cause shutting the face of the club when it meets the ball. There is this to be said on behalf of lawn tennis player—in comparison the distinguished plus golfer would probably give an infinitely worse exhibition if he were placed on the back line at Wimbledon.

THE "STAB" SHOT.

It is perhaps too much that a person can be a first-class player at both games at one and the same time. Mr. H. L. Doherty became a plus golfer after he had retired from the courts, and Mrs. McNair is now plus one at the ladies' club at Mid-Surrey, although her L.G.U. handicap is hardly so formidable. Both Mr. Kingscote and Mr. Lowe have developed the overhand "cross-court" drive in their wooden club shots with fearful consequences, while the former indulges in the stab shot—the club dug deep into the ground—when approaching. Naturally, the absence of any follow-through plays havoc with the preconceived notion of either strength or direction. Mr. Beamish had an amusing time hacking about in the heather but he had the supreme satisfaction of bringing in his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. S. Ball, as the winner of the cup. Mrs. Ball is 2 at Bleakdown, and with a bonus of 9 strokes added for playing from the men's tees where some of the "carries" are really terrifying, she returned a 76 and put to rest the rest of the competitors. Dr. W. H. Lamplough, who won the Scratch prize with 81, appears to be one of the chosen few who is a good lawn tennis player and a plus-golfer combined.

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Miss Wildin desires to thank her brother's many friends for their messages of condolence sent to her in her recent sad bereavement, and also for the floral tributes sent.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1920.

THE EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

A well-known financial authority has stated that there is no hope that international trade will resume its normal and natural course until something is done to introduce a feeling of stability and security in the exchange market. This problem is fundamental, and touches every corner of industry and trade. It is, perhaps, the most difficult of the many reconstruction problems thrown upon us by the war, because it is essentially technical. There are two very different main questions which arise out of the exchange position. There is, first, the wide difference between the present figures and parity; and, secondly, the incessant and violent fluctuations to which exchanges are now subject. In order to get back to the pre-war position we have not only to re-establish the old rate of exchange, but also to bring about the old stability. This latter is really of far more importance than the actual rate.

In view of the reasons stated above, it is, in the opinion of the Editor of *Ways and Means*, necessary to abandon any immediate hope of getting back to parity, and to see how far it is possible to revive and extend overseas business on exchanges as we find them to-day. For the purpose of foreign trade it does not really matter very much whether the mark stands at 20 or at 200, or whether the dollar is exchangeable for sovereigns at the rate of three or four. Whatever the rate of exchange is, it applies both to import and export, and foreign trade can be conducted. If the mark is only worth 200 to the sovereign, then the German will have to pay ten times as many marks for anything which he requires to import, but he can balance his account because he will receive ten times as many marks as he was previously using anything he is able to export. Such a position is by no means ideal; it does not offer the facilities which were provided by the old parity, but it still leaves the door open for trade on a large scale. Then, however, the mark is liable to fluctuate to the extent of 100 in a couple of months, trade becomes utterly and entirely impossible. The exchange problem (keeping for the moment to Germany for the purposes of illustration) boils itself down to these questions: (a) Can we get back to parity? (b) Can we get back to stability? To ask the first question is surely to answer it; there is no hope within present prospect of the mark to its relative international position of six years ago. If this were understood, acknowledged, and admitted a great deal of confusion of thought would be removed; the work of getting the mark back to the old parity is the work of half a century, and must be accomplished at a time by a long, slow, gradual, and painful process. But a long task cannot be commenced until trade begins to flow, and a beginning is rendered impossible by the instability of the present rate of exchange. It would not be difficult to arrive at what is described as the natural rate of exchange, and if that were reached and natural influences ceased to operate, then the merchants and traders of both countries would have a basis upon which they could confidently calculate, and trade could be resumed at least the old amount of confidence and certainty. What lies to the mark applies to every other exchange; we only use the mark as an illustration. How, then, can stability be secured in the exchange markets of the world? How can the violent fluctuations which are now a complete barrier to overseas development be obviated? What are the influences which bring about the violent fluctuations? A difference of five francs in two months in the value of the sovereign could not be accounted for by ordinary trading operations between London and Paris. It is obvious that outside influences are at work, and the most thorough examination of the problem shows that the most powerful outside influences are the operations of the world's Governments.

It has well been said that if Governments could be removed from the exchange market—that is, if Government procedure could be brought within such limits that exchanges were not liable to be affected by it—we should at once arrive at a natural rate of exchange between all countries. That rate would be, very different from the old parity, but it would be natural and this is the very essence of the matter. It would represent the actual financial balance as between the various countries, and it would be free from all of very violent fluctuation. The £ would then proceed to look to parity in New York by half a cent at a time; the mark would slowly move towards parity in London, a planning or two month and a natural process of recovery would be begun, and would enable real reconstruction to proceed. Merchants, manufacturers and traders everywhere would be able and willing to do upon a natural exchange. They could measure the changes in figures if those changes were confined to natural influences. Nobody would hesitate under such conditions to enter into litigation with a foreign country, knowing that the risk of exchange fluctuation was reduced to a few points either way, and would be allowed for. When, however, that risk includes the possibility of some Government operation which will radically alter the rate of exchange no business can be undertaken.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Yaumati Tragedy.

Once again it has been our sad duty to report the death, whilst engaged in discharging his duty, of a member of the Hongkong Police Force. Monday night's tragedy was reminiscent of the well-remembered Gresson Street affair and goes to prove the often hazardous task a police officer's is and the constant debt the community of the Colony owes to its Police Force. Of late there has been a welcome absence of the more serious cases of crime within the Colony, but it is inevitable that with the close approach of the Chinese New Year and the unhindered entry into the Colony that criminals enjoy cases of desperate crime will crop up. It is to our efficient Police Force that our thanks must always go for a Colony so remarkably free from the terrorism of desperadoes—thanks that we are not always prone to give. Another member of that Force has paid with his life for our daily safety and one of his comrades has been wounded on our behalf. Surely, it is only right that we should, whilst expressing our deepest sympathy, acknowledge the debt we owe. The more detailed facts of the happening are still a little obscure but enough is known to show that the late Sgt. Gardiner was murdered by a gang of robbers whose pre-arranged crime he and others were engaged in preventing. But for the tragedy it would have scarcely come to the public notice; there might have been police court proceedings that would have been read by a few and considered matter-of-fact. But there is a very real depth of public gratitude felt by those who know of all the work of prevention that is constantly being achieved, and the members of the Force can rest assured that there is appreciation, even if praises are but seldom sung.

The Dean's Dirge.

Dr. Inge has shown himself to be a useful critic upon occasion, and the fact that he was apt to be outspoken and not over-sanguine about the future scarcely justified the epithet of the "gloomy dean" bestowed upon him by one of the London daily journals some years ago now. In the latest of his utterances the Dean does seem to correspond uncomfortably closely with this appellation. He leads off with the old jeremiad about the country going to the dogs, or, rather, he "improves" upon this by intimating that the bow-wows have already got hold of what used to be called Merrie England. It will be seen that the Dean prepares us in advance for the worst. Filling in the melancholy picture he depicts the repudiation of the National Debt, or whatever it is he intends to represent by the phrase "the scraps of paper on which the nation's debts of honour are inscribed." This he considers would mean "the disappearance of the tax-paying class" and a reversion to semi-barbarism, wastefulness coming to an end only because there would be nothing left to waste. All of this may possibly be true if the Dean's dismal forecast concerning repudiation were well-founded. Happily, there are many reasons for believing it to be ill-founded, numerous as are the problems that confront the Mother Country. There is no note of formal criticism in Dr. Inge's dirge. To remind us of the dangers of extravagance is all very well; but the situation is not to be relieved by abandonment to the sombre. The Dean has rendered useful service now and then by giving complacency a jog; if we all fell into his present view, what hope would be left?

The Hohenzollern Healers.

It was recently reported that a sum of over a million pounds had been paid to the ex-Kaiser by the German Government, and a later account states that the dethroned Hohenzollern has received altogether over four millions. The Allies are presumably taking note of these things (an affirmative statement was made in Parliament lately), especially in view of German professions of national impotency. In addition to these sums it is reported that sundry members of the ex-Imperial family, as well as numbers of the nobility, were engaged in smuggling remittances to Holland amounting to some 250,000,000 marks. If, as appears, this took place during the war, it sheds an illuminating side light upon the feelings of Germany's reigning house during those days when Wilhelm was issuing flamboyant addresses to his invincible Army.

DAY BY DAY.

YOU DEGRADE YOUR DAILY WORK IF YOU THINK OF IT ONLY AS THAT WHICH EARN YOUR LIVING. IT IS ADDING SOMETHING TO THE COMFORT AND HAPPINESS OF OTHER PEOPLE, OR ELSE IT IS NO FIT WORK FOR AN HONEST MAN.—C. S. Merriam.

Our weekly Ladies' Fashion Page, which usually appears on Wednesdays, will be found in tomorrow's issue.

We are asked to state that tomorrow night, the occasion of the Taikoo Club Ball, the usual time restrictions for hired motor-cars are being waived by the Police.

The 45th annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China will be held on Thursday next at 5.30 p.m. All master masons are invited.

The only cases of communicable disease notified last week were three of diphtheria (one Eurasian and two Chinese). All were non-fatal. There were five Chinese deaths from influenza.

Mr. A. Stork writes us from Shanghai saying that he expects to arrive in Hongkong about the beginning of April, with Missa Elman, one of the world's greatest violinists, who will give performances here.

At the offices of the Public Works Department, rural building lot No. 156 (below Black's Link), was sold by auction to Mr. Alex W. van Andel for 75 years at the upset price, \$1,630. The lot has an area of 16,200 square feet, the annual rental being \$92.

Arising from a gambling dispute, a Chinese hawk received a number of stab wounds in the back in the Saiyungpun Market from an assailant who has since made his escape. The injured man was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A quantity of white buckskin leather valued at \$300 was stolen from Cherry and Company's shop at Pedder Street. The leather was stored in the basement, access to this being attained by the thief breaking open the door. The theft was reported to the Police yesterday.

Schoolmen are reminded that the list closes on the 31st Dec. for local subscriptions to the Scottish National War Memorial, and intending subscribers should communicate before that date either with Mr. John Johnstone, care of Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., or Mr. T. W. Hill, care of Bradley and Co. Ltd.

The Colony has to-day lost one of its most respected and well-known residents by the departure on retirement of Mr. W. D. Kraft, of the Standard Oil Company, who left by the Columbia for the States. Mr. Kraft has resided here for many years and besides gaining much prominence as a keen and clever golfer he has, by the charm of his personality, endeared himself to a very large circle of friends, by whom he will be greatly missed.

Two Chinese constables were charged before the Magistrate this morning with an offence which bore a strong resemblance to "squeeze." It is alleged that they went aboard the Yachting yesterday, and frightened one of the crew into surrendering a quantity of opium which they later appropriated for their own benefit. Mr. M. K. Lo and J. H. Gardiner were engaged for the defence, and a remand was applied for and granted by the Magistrate.

Through the activities of two thieves, a Sikh constable was yesterday almost deprived of his usual chicken curry. It appears that these two Chinese had kept a greedy eye on his chicken run at Samstupo for some time past and yesterday they put into execution their plans for the capture of the poultry. Whilst one of them held a quantity of rice in his hand to entice the roosters out of their retreat, the other fellow stood behind him with a gunny bag for the reception of the birds. This pleasant little game was in progress when the constable unexpectedly turned up, and grabbed both men. The pair were to-day brought before the Magistrate, when a quantity of rice and a gunny bag were produced before the Magistrate as evidence. Sentence of one month's hard labour was inflicted on each of the prisoners.

LINES FROM LINKUMDODDIE.

Keep Wanting—The Whole Wardrobe—Sottish—A Vain People—Dead Romance—Undoubtful Thomas—A Trotsky Re-echo—Maudlin Margot—Good Old Sam—Sprue Specialists.

15th Nov. 1920.
Dear S—My old granmie used to have a saying that went something like this: "If ye keep wanting a silk dress, ye'll may be some day get a sleeve for it." As a boy I could never quite understand her. The idea of collecting dresses, a sleeve at a time, never appealed to me. I've many a time saved up bawbees, boots and birds' eggs on that principle but then they were different. I was man-big before it dawned on me that the pith of this old saying was in what ye wanted and no so much as to the getting of it. And there's quite a lot in the thought let me tell ye.

The steady fine workman might go on for donkey's years turning out good stuff but if he doesn't get the itch to want something more than the wage he's been getting for the past ten years, then he's no likely to get it. Fine praise fills nae wame nor has it a tendency to increase the total on the left hand page of the Savings Bank book.

A man might live in a house for forty years, rear a fine family and be in the running for a great-grand father-ship but if he doesn't let his landlord understand that the kitchen needs painting and that the rosebush have faded ten years ago from off the parlour wallpaper, no to speak of the necessity for modern sanitation in the bathroom, if he doesn't let his laird know of these things often and long, then he's no likely to get them. He may threaten to leave the house, very often does, and the dwelling is entirely renovated for the incoming tenant, but that doesn't alter the fact that if he doesn't want them, then perforce he has to do without. Aye, there's no doubt about it if ye want a thing ye must ask for it but the great thing is ye must want it first. When ye want a silk dress, some day ye'll get a sleeve. The moralists would want a sleeve at a time. The more ye ask, the more ye're likely to get. Savee?

Now ye don't know what I'm getting at. When I first put pen to paper this week I had only a glimmering myself. But it's coming and incidentally makes a no' bad opening paragraph. Man, I wadna like to write for a living. It wadna so bad in the days when I used to board w' the Macphersons, for Mac had always on tap the 1903 edition of the Enclo. Britt. (I never could spell them blasted names, so I ayne foreshorten them). Aye, I ayne fine the day that Mac bought the Enclo. Britt. at Hughes and Hough. It took four coolies to carry them up the Peak and Mac's been a literary man ever since. But I don't think only the less of him for that, for he's no the first man I've known that's started his library w' an initial order for half a ton of books. Anyway, Mac wanted them and that brings one back to where I was at.

Ireland wants a Republic. For more years than I care to remember she wanted Home Rule and didn't get it. Now that she wants a Republic, she's gotten Home Rule. She's just gotten a measure chock full of powers w' which she can deal w' her own education, her own agriculture, her own land questions, her own Poor Laws and Local Government, her own railways, a lot more sleeves than she's ever likely to use. "If ye keep wanting a silk dress—". Ireland this time demanded a whole wardrobe and the recently passed Government of Ireland Bill has given her nearly everything but the key of the wardrobe door. She may not deck herself w' the finery inside the clothes press because she canna wear the afore-said key on a chain round her waist but the stuff inside is her's for the wearing, for all that. In other words she's got what she wanted though maybe no' as much as she asked.

No, I'm no finished w' the subject yet. Let's hear what Mr. Lloyd George had to say last week when he was fathering the Government of Ireland Bill through the Commons. I want every Scotsman to read it carefully. This Bill may have defects, but I am absolutely certain that it has merits that have never been acknowledged and

have never even been considered. I ventured the other day to put to an audience of my own fellow-countrymen—who are just as proud of their nationality as Irishmen are—a question, and I should like to put it to the Leader of the Labour party (Mr. Adamson, Member for Fife) how Scotland would regard a measure which would confer upon that country full powers of dealing with its own education, its own agriculture, its own land question, all its labour problems, all its Poor Laws and Local Government, all questions of health, all its railways, liquor questions, law and order, old age pensions, unemployment health insurance, and all these problems put under a Scottish Parliament? Would anyone say that a measure of that kind conferred upon either Wales or Scotland would be regarded by the people of those countries as a niggardly measure or paltry measure that conferred no powers upon the people?

The italics are mine and I don't apologise for them. But I'm no going to rub it in for all that. Why? Simply because it's so self-evident that Scotland doesn't want those things, otherwise she wouldn't be content w' all she got. There's no blinking the fact and there's no use of the perverid among us getting hot round the collar for the truth canna be hidden—we don't want these things or we would find a way of getting them. Content are we to wear the castoff rags of apathy while our money goes south to cleed the Sassenach in the robes of self-conceit. Content are we to read pars in the London Press (as I did just yesterday) of this and the like: "By the Act of Union, Scottish members were put into our Parliament." Or this: "Scotsmen are complaining about the quality of their porridge. The season's oats are very discoloured, etc." Ye Gods!

Mind ye we are a vain people. Nothing pleases us better than getting our ears filled w' nonsense about our national characteristics. Well, fine to read and hear about the part our soldiers took in the Great War. Praise about our dram drinking we look on as a right. We wish every one to understand that we hold the sole patent rights for being a magnificent people. But this oatmeal dope gets my goat. Thank the Lord we haven't lost the power of discrimination. A lot of harm and quite 90 per cent. of our neighbour's ignorance we have to blame for ourselves. If Scotsmen in the past hadn't tickled folks ears w' Thrums and Drumtochty stuff and given otherwise decent folks fictional notions of what we eat and how we live we might be able to lift up our heads and cease to be the butt of every Englishman w' a school-board education. A moist eye often shuts out a big view, so dinna let us be blind to our own imperfections.

There's been far too much talk about the Scotsman south of the Tweed and abroad. Let us get a bit nearer home. Superficially Scottish life—industrial life, I mean—is still quite sound. The housing conditions though in the big towns and the mining areas are lamentable. There's nothing very romantic about that, nothing near as romantic as the story of Scotland and the ballads, the bold barons and Bonnie Prince Charlie and his misguided Jacobites. Aye, these were the days but the thought of them doesn't help to bring the rents down or get wee Wullie a pair of new boots next Saturday. Three-quarters of our folks are jammed up in smoking cities among picture houses and policemen-prostitutes and publicans. If we confine our view to the externals we've got nothing to bounce about. If the inner purpose is still strengthened by what is practiced and preached in "God-fearing homes" we might have some thing to hope for. But is it? I'm afraid the proportion of these homes is where the population is sparsest. There is certainly no evidence of them in our smoky towns. So as a last ditch in our national defence we fall back on oatmeal. Now you know better than I could ever tell you that porridge like the kilt is almost non est in Scotia. In our swarming areas modern brawn and muscle depends on tea and pieces and the occasional fish supper for its daily sustenance. The Scot abroad might be a fine fellow w' his tacit acknowledgment of the power of the kilt, porridge and whisky but his wee brother in Govan or Motherwell is a dog of a different colour altogether.

This past week I've read two books. I know that's nothing to bounce about especially as I didn't buy them. A book borrowed is as easily read as a book bought, besides it's a good bit cheaper. Of course, if ye borrow a book from a friend and neglect to return your reading is often dear at any price.

The first book I read had a haunting red flag on its cover. It was entitled "When Labour Rules." Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Railwayman's guide, philosopher and friend (please don't miss out the "r") is the author. Now of late I've been turning Mr. Thomas over in my mind and—but it doesn't matter anyway what I now think of him. A man that would write a book w' a red flag on it wouldn't pay any heed anyway. But just let me tell ye that Mr. Thomas' presenting prizes at a Railwayman's Concert and Dance or giving Mr. Lloyd George a chance to throw him a nice bouquet in the House of Commons is a very different kind of Mr. Thomas compared to when he gets up on his hind legs at Unity House and naranges raucous railwaymen. Some folks would call that versatility; ye and I would merely call him two-faced.

There is no doubt in the mind of Mr. Thomas of the coming of a Labour Party. The only thing he's no sure about is the date. That is, however, neither here nor there for throughout his book he is vague about lots of things. What he lacks in certainty though he makes up for in nerve. His is a fine programme but ye need your bifocals on to get hold of the facts and figures, upon which, after all, real business is based.

As I was saying, there's no doubt about this Thomas even if he does wander about like Alice in a political wonderland. All he needs is time. But that can be easily managed. When Parliament passes the Extension of Human Life Bill quite a lot of us may see a few of his numerous promises carried out. Although a Millennium maker, he's cheery w' it all. No Government could hop to compete w' him in this respect. Boiled down, though, Mr. Thomas suffers from an excess of sentimental ideas—sketchy at the best—and when he comes across a hard business proposition he passes the problem on to the State. Who is the State anyhow? It is everyone—when it comes to the matter of taxation but then I forgot, the new Labourites are going to cut that out.

Of course, when writing of the new revolution Thomas says it will "not necessarily be a violent or bloody revolt." Ah! that sounds familiar. Surely we've heard that expression before. Ah! I've got it; you remember when Trotsky fixed up the Brest Litovsk treaty. Weren't those the very words he used? You bet they were. And since leaving Litovsk he's been bit ever since. Mr. Thomas' book in spots reminds me very much of the earlier Russian hope Reuter used to hand out to us, how there were to be no profits, no unemployment, no slums, no hungry children, short hours and so on and everything in the Bolshevik garden was going to be so lovely. But neither the Russians nor Mr. undoubtful Thomas can alter human nature. If history is to be of any use at all it surely teaches us that no society can be forced into one deep channel. It's bound to overflow ere long. I think one of two things. Either Mr. Thomas is kidding himself or trying, through his book, to blackmail the Government into giving him a fine comfortable Whitehall job with a nice fat pension for life.

Now you can guess about the other book. Though nearly a fortnight ago since Mrs. Asquith's book was published the world is substantially the same to-day. A few hundred book reviewers throughout the land have showed signs of activity and wakefulness but they don't count anyway. If there's been anything doing at all, it's been in the spirit world or wherever folks are who turn in their graves. I can quite imagine Mr. Pepys (pronounce it how ye will) and his select little band getting a bit excited but in the land of the living there has been no working overtime on account of this terrible Asquith. To many of Margot's friends her effort is not looked so much upon as a great book as a great affront. When you come to think of it—well it's not very nice, not quite the thing you know, but apart from that there's nothing to write home to mother about. The Morning Post w' its verdict "Malice in Blunderland" hit it

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AVIATION NOTES.

[By "Meteorite."]

The much talked-of aeroplane wing invention of the Handley Page Company has been revealed at last to be a very simple design. In the latest *Bulletin* issued by the Company, the merits of the new wing are thus discussed:

The special feature of the new Handley Page Wing is that by its use, landing speeds far slower than those obtained up to the present will be possible, or, conversely, greater loads can be carried or higher speeds obtained with the same horse power.

Another special feature of the Handley Page Wing is that it has very much greater lift for every square foot of its surface compared with an ordinary wing, and this is accomplished by a most simple wing construction, which at first sight would seem to reduce rather than increase the lift of the wing. The construction consists in having slots right through the plane, connecting the lower and the upper surfaces, and to the uninitiated it would appear that these slots, allowing the air to escape from the under to the upper surface of the wing, took away all the lift. Strange as it may seem, the reverse is exactly the case. The slots in the wing virtually convert a single wing into a number of wings, and increase the lifting power of the wing two or three times as much as in the ordinary construction.

Supposing, for instance, that a machine to-day lifts a total weight of a ton and a half and has a wing area of 400 square feet. With the new construction it will be possible to lift the same weight with a wing area of only 200 to 300 square feet. In consequence, owing to their smaller size, the wings can be built much more stoutly without increasing the weight, and so all-metal wings become much more possible commercially.

Beyond this is the further and most important feature. With the high-lifting capacity of these wings it is possible to fly more efficiently at full speed. These new wings at full speed are inclined at larger and more efficient angles than heretofore, so that the lift is obtained with much less horse power to drive the machines through the air. Up to the present it has not been possible to design machines heavily loaded and efficient such as this, because it would have meant the commercially impossible landing speeds of 70 to 80 miles an hour. Now, however, with this new construction, landing speeds smaller even than those now usual have been obtained with all the advantages described above.

It is from a fundamental advance such as this that progress in Aircraft will be made. First comes the improvement in basic principle, next the adaptation to engineering design and lastly operation in service at a decreased cost and with increased reliability to the public. Time must elapse before the public will benefit from these advantages. Minor improvements may be necessary for their full advantage to be gained, but there is no doubt that it is on advances such as these that the whole future of Aircraft development depends.

In viewing to-day the aeroplane fitted with an early type of this slot, it is possible to see the beginning of the practical accomplishment in flying of what laboratory tests have shown can be finally accomplished.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

Over 2,000 Taels.

From a junk at Yau-mat, yesterday, Revenue Officer Clark and a party of Chinese officers made an important opium seizure which resulted in a Chinese man and woman, members of the crew, being detained for Magisterial examination.

The drug, which amounted to 2,393 taels, of the value of \$36,000, was found concealed in the double bottom of the vessel. Its long sojourn there was indicated by the rotten condition of the cloth and paper wrapping with which it was preserved.

Mr. J. M. Hall, who was instructed to defend the prisoners, appeared in the Court this morning when the case was called before Mr. G. N. Orme. He asked for a remand and this was granted, the case being fixed for hearing on Monday afternoon.

NOTICE.

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Navy v. Army.

A match between Army and Navy teams was played on the H. K. C. C. ground yesterday, the Army winning by an innings and 22 runs.

The Army scored 244, of which Bagnall contributed 51, Bowen 47 and Edwards 42. The Navy replied with 101, of which no fewer than 75 were jointly made by Bonham-Carter (50) and Stewart (25). On their second venture, the Navy knocked up 121, the only double-figure scorers being Bonham-Carter (30), Stewart (27) and Jones (20 not out).

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LINES FROM
LINKUMDODIDE.

(Continued from Page 8.)

off to a tee for "t" or whatever way one writes "tea" when you're not writing of something to drink.) And that's about all there's to it excepting that it's valuable at the price I paid for it—and that was nothing. Some folks should be paid for reading a book like you. The other way about it verges on robbery on the part of the publisher.

I think it was Sam Johnson that said that the chief glory of every people arose from its authors. It went somewhat like that on my way to the good coming, as it did, from a man who had not any particular understanding of Scott's folk and didn't take any pains to hire it either. Of course you get lots of folk who maintain that if it hadn't been Boswell, old man Johnson's gas would have been put in a very small peep indeed. But then again, it all happened such a long time ago that it seems scarcely worth while starting to argue about a this year of grace. One never admitting that what I said was right about the author, I wonder what he would have said were he alive to-day and had the run of this autumn's literary output. And he was a man, mind ye, that didn't even take the trouble to mince his case; he would not have left any one long in doubt about his opinion. But when we're at it, does egotism and vanity go out of fashion in any age? Shall we ever get rid of freakish and unconventional folks always ready to bare themselves to public opinion? Or was it a question of cash that drove Mrs. A. to sneak on her friends by the literary route? I believe there is no automatic pension for ex-Prime Ministers. I know lots of wives who help the family exchequer for all that; so may be Margot sits in good company.

I see that the Duke of York has been opening the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London. No! that the building was simply waiting for his noble dukedom to be out of a job one day. It's been open for a while now, ever since it's been shifted from Poplar (where it originally was a kind of seaman's hospital) to Endeavour Gardens, just nearly opposite

FOR THE POOR.

Grand Fair at Macao.

On the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of January all the schools of Macao are to unite in giving a Grand Fair and Exhibition in aid of the poor children of the Colony. The profits derived from this entertainment will be given to the "Caixa Escolar," an institution which gives such children clothing, food and stationery.

A large field at Tap Siac has been borrowed, and work is now proceeding on the erection of booths, kiosks, pagodas and other buildings.

There will be a theatre, where the pupils of the Salesian College and St. Joseph's Seminary will drill, dance, and sing. At another theatre a circus performance will be given, with gymnastic displays, both comic and musical. The College of Sta. Rosa da Lima has presented a Christmas Tree. The Liceu Central will produce various amusements, including a Teashop, a "Dream Stall" and an exhibition called the "Scientific World," showing marvellous electrical and other apparatus in action. The Pedro Nolasco Commercial School will operate a Kermesse, a Flower Shop, a Rifle Range and a Lottery. There will also be an exhibition of articles of the new art of Tra-pology. Races and dancing will take place, and at dusk the precincts will be illuminated by electricity.

Admission to the grounds will be free.

Any further information will be given gladly by Mr. L. Reis, of the Liceu Central de Macao.

Euston Station. The last time I was in London I went there to see a very good friend of mine and I was very favourably impressed with the place. I would recommend it to folks out East that have to come home with troubles peculiarly Eastern. A man troubled with sprue for instance doesn't run any risk of being operated on for appendicitis and there's lots of skin diseases diagnosed as leprosy in China that have made a forenoon's joke among the doctors at yon hospital. W! a place like you and ships on the sea the "white man's grave," no matter where, is in for a slack time and in grave danger of being pushed off the map altogether.

Yours etc.
R. Mc.W.



CAMERA NEWS



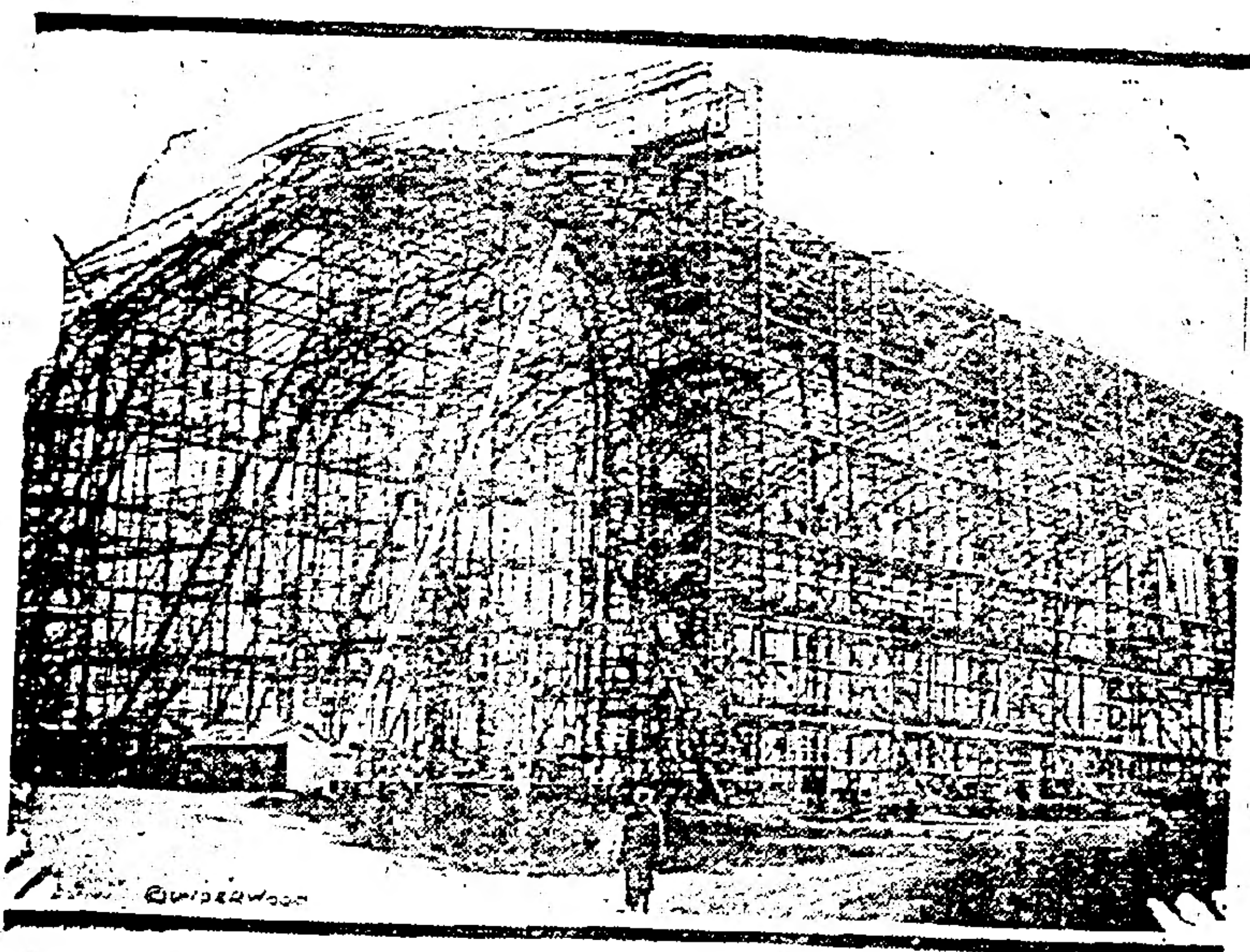
THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The most recent photograph of the British Royal Family, taken shortly after the return of the Prince of Wales from his recent Imperial tour.



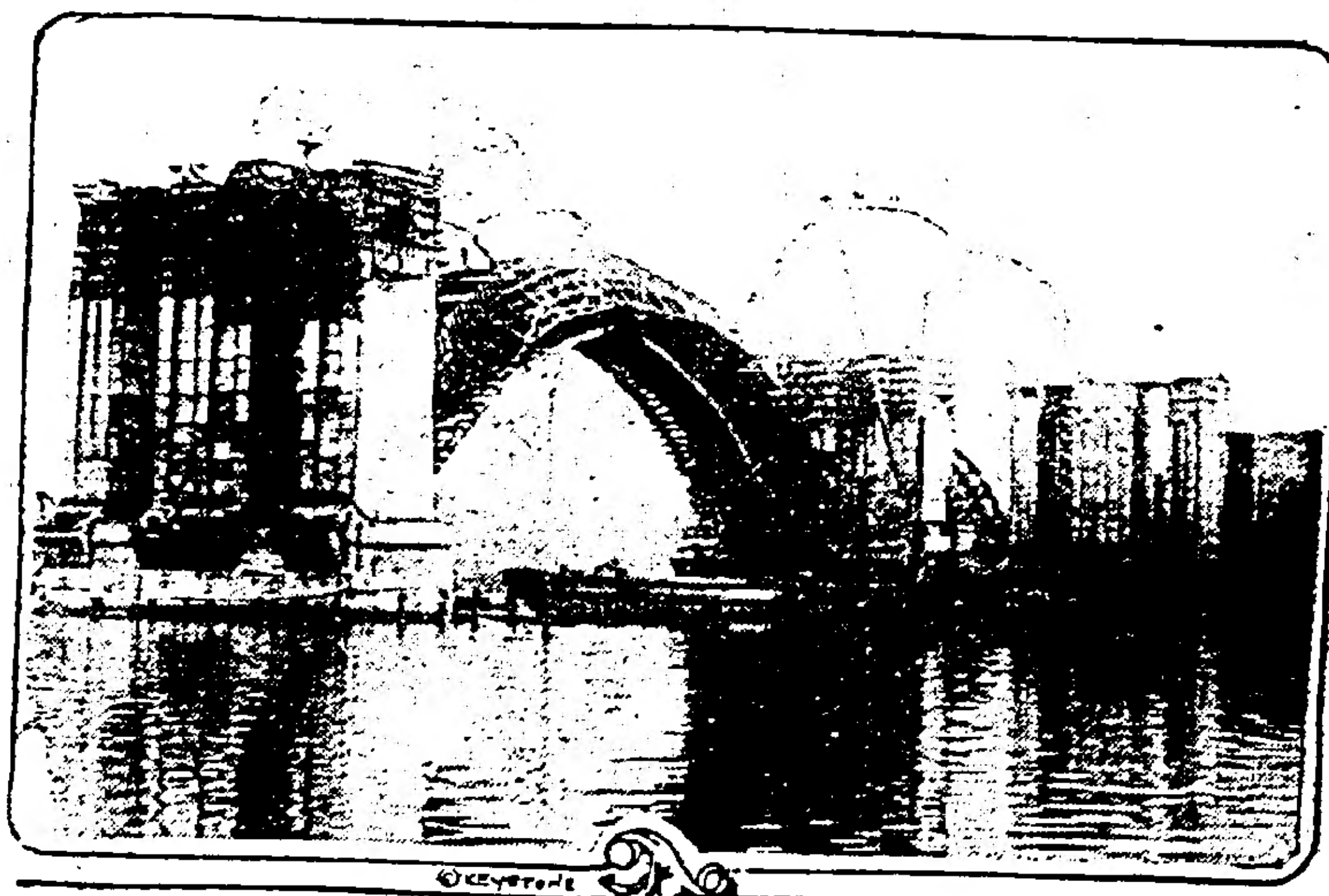
TIPIFYING PEACE.

Swiss maidens in an interpretative dance indicating Peace, which was staged at Geneva in honour of the visit of the League of Nations Assembly.



A HUGE HANGAR.

To house the world's largest dirigible, now being being built in England for the U. S. Government, the American Navy is building a giant hangar at Lakehurst, N. J. Photo shows the structure in course of erection.



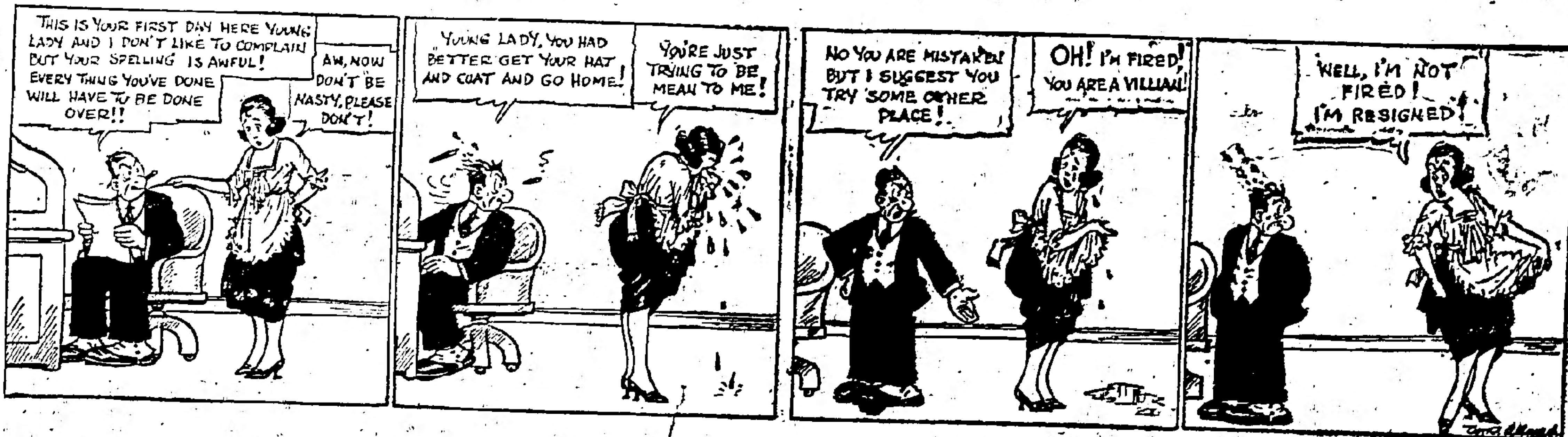
MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

The bridge shown above is being erected in Washington, D.C., as a memorial to Francis Scott Key, who wrote the National Anthem.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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[BY ALLMAN]



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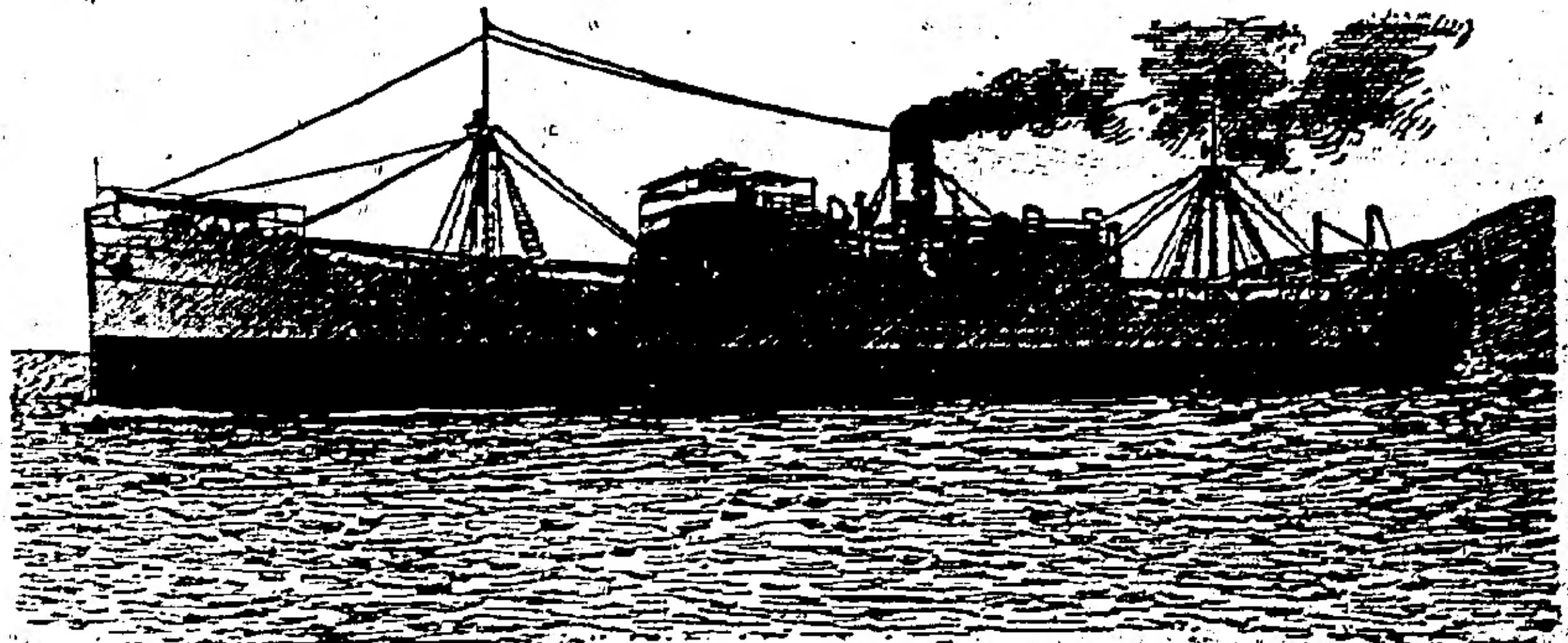
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YEBOSHI MARU ... Thursday, 30th December.

TAKAOKA MARU ... Thursday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.
AKI MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Jan., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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MANILA	Yuensang	Fri., 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Choyssang	Sat., 1st Jan. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Wed., 5th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & Kobe	Fooksang	Thur., 6th Jan. at d'light.
SINGAPORE & Penang	Fooksang	Sat., 8th Jan. at 2 p.m.
SINGAPORE & Penang	Kumsang	Wed., 12th Jan. at 2 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Lalsang	Tues., 18th Jan. at 2 p.m.

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S.S. "KUMSANG" will be despatched on or about Wednesday, 12th Jan., at 2 p.m. for SINGAPORE & PENANG.

S.S. "LAISANG" will be despatched on or about Sunday, 18th Jan., at 2 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

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For	Steamers	To Sail
STOW, SHAI & DAIREN	Wuh	30th Dec. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	30th Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Tean	1st Jan. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Chenglu	4th Jan. at 9 a.m.

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Haihong	W. C. Passmore	WED., 29th Dec. at noon.
Hailoong	J. S. Thomson	TUES., 4th Jan. at noon.
Haihsing	A. H. Stewart	THUR., 6th Jan. at noon.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. YOKOHAMA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez, on the 27th Nov. and is expected here on the 5th January.

The s.s. MATTAWA, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 10th December and is due at Yokohama on or about the 4th January.

The s.s. PROTESILAU (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 10th December for Hongkong and is due here on 5th January.

The s.s. SCHODACK left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 13th and is expected here Jan. 10th, 1921.

The s.s. ANCHISES, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 13th inst. for Hongkong and is due on 8th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. SANUKI M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 18th December and is expected here on the 2nd January.

The s.s. MONTAGUE left Portland, Ore. for Hongkong via ports Nov. 13th and is expected here January 1st, 1921.

The s.s. CROSSKEYS left Seattle, Wash. for Hongkong via ports Nov. 18th and is expected here January 1st, 1921.

The s.s. SATSUMA left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 21st and is expected here January 15th, 1921.

The N.Y.K. s.s. KOTSU M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 2nd January 1921.

The N.Y.K. s.s. TOTOMI M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon, Penang & Singapore on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 8th January 1921.

The s.s. LYCAON (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 17th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 15th January 1921.

The M. V. GLENLUCE is expected to leave Singapore for Hongkong on the 28th inst. and is due here about the 3rd Jan.

The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO M. arrived at Yokohama on the 20th instant and sails on the 23rd instant in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong January 5th.

The s.s. EDMORE left Seattle, Wash. for Hongkong via ports Dec. 7th and is expected January 24th 1921.

The s.s. DUQUESNE left New York for Hongkong via ports Dec. 9th and is expected here Feb. 2nd, 1921.

The N.Y.K. s.s. YEBOSHI M. (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 22nd December and is expected here on the 29th December.

The N.Y.K. s.s. KUMANO M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 5th Dec. and is expected here on the 15th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. CAP FINIS TERRE left Liverpool for this port via Suez on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 28th January.

The Ben Line s.s. BENVORLICH from Antwerp, Middlesbrough & London, left Singapore for this port on 27th instant and may be expected to arrive here on 4th January.

The s.s. SICILIA left Singapore for this port on the 23th instant at noon, and is due here on the 31st instant at about noon.

The s.s. MENTOR (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 23rd inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 16th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. RANGOON M. (Bombay Line) left Osaka for this port via Yokohama & Moji on the 27th Dec. and is expected here on the 10th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. MISHIMA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 24th Dec. and is expected here on the 1st February.

The T. K. K. s.s. KOREA M. arrived at Yokohama on 26th instant and sails 28th instant for Honolulu and San Francisco according to schedule.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE arrived at Shanghai on 27th Dec. leaves there 26th Dec. (midnight) due at Hongkong on 31st Dec.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA arrived at Yokohama 25th Dec. (9 a.m.) leaves 28th Dec. (5 p.m.) due at Hongkong on 8th January (8 a.m.)

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived at Nagasaki 26th December, left there 27th Dec. due at Shanghai on 2nd Dec.

LOCAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE.

Shortly to be Closed.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, in the following correspondence, which explains itself.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1920.

Sir.—Under circumstances over which I have no control I am forced to close the Russian Consulate at Hongkong soon.

The liquidation of the affairs of the Consulate necessarily occupy some time, and I will have the honour to inform you later of the definite date of the closing of that institution which has been in my charge during the last ten years.

In asking you to bring this to the knowledge of His Excellency the Governor, I take the opportunity to offer you the assurance of my high consideration and very sincere thanks for your assistance and invaluable courtesy.

(Sd.) N. D. OETTINGEN, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th November, 1920.

To M. d'Oettingen, Consul for Russia.

Sir.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 418 of the 20th November in which you report that the Russian Consulate at Hongkong is about to be closed.

I am to express the regret of this Government at the coming termination of the cordial relations which it has maintained with you over so long a period; and I take the opportunity to thank you for the valuable assistance and advice which you have so frequently given in all matters relating to Russian affairs.

I assure you of my highest consideration.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) M. FLETCHER, Colonial Secretary.

According to subsequent information from the Russian Consul, the Consulate will be closed as from 1st January, 1921.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

The U.S.S.B.'s LAKE FARMINGDALE, operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, arrived this morning from Calcutta with 150 tons of direct and 200 tons of through cargo.—Mooring C 44.

The S.S. TANDA arrived yesterday from Kobe and Moji with 373 tons of cargo for Hongkong and 1,030 tons for other ports. She carried 31 first-class passengers.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

Coal was consigned here yesterday by the CHIPSING (2,300 tons) from Hongkong and by the HARU M. (4,500 tons) for China—wanton.

From New York there arrived this morning the S.S. MESOPOTAMIA with 359 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 1,139 tons for through ports.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The TELEMACHUS consigned here this morning from Saigon 2,000 tons of rice. She carried 166 deck passengers. She encountered strong monsoon from Saigon River to Padaran.—Mooring A 38.

The IYO MARU arrived yesterday from Yokohama with 2,500 tons of through cargo. She had on board 127 first-class passengers.—Mooring A 21.

CLEARANCES AND DEPARTURES.

The COLOMBIA left at noon today for San Francisco with 2,400 tons of cargo.

The SEANG BEE also left at noon for Ramoon with 450 tons. The MONTAGUE departed at 6 p.m. yesterday for Portland with 1,800 tons.

The IYO MARU left for London today at 11 a.m. with 2,000 tons.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date	on date
Barometer	30.07	30.07
Temperature	70	65
Humidity	80	90
Wind Direction	E. Z.	E.
Wind Force	3	4
Weather	b	o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Highest open air		
Temperature on the 28th	70	
Lowest open air		
Temperature on the 29th	65	
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.		
H.K. Observatory, Dec. 29.		

MYSTIC ART.

Chefalo and Palermo Coming.

Middle Palermo, who appears here, shortly with Chefalo, has been described all over America and the Continent, as one of the world's greatest artists of loggardo-magic. The "marvellous" Chefalo and she are accompanied by a party of six and they present the successful European mystic act called the Garden of Mystery, the whole act amid extraordinarily beautiful stage settings, while the "piquant" Palermo wears some of the most extravagant gowns of the creation of man and woman. The Garden of Mystery was described by the New York Times as "one of the most elaborate productions ever staged for this kind of entertainment and the startling illusions which follow each other in rapid succession are amazing. Palermo is one of the greatest mistresses of magic since the days of Herrmann and Chefalo's performance also is a feature. Magnificent scenes and stupendous electrical effects are used throughout the production." Palermo herself presents a symposium of illusions and original and astounding tricks. Any woman, it is said, can trick a man but Palermo is one who throws down a royal flush just as you are chuckling that you have drawn the winning hand. In each of her exhibitions she appears in a different robe. Where, when and how she changes are themselves all part of the net of mystery she weaves around you. But in successive moments you find that Cleopatra, an Indian, a Spanish lady, a girl, a tigress in fantasy, an Egyptian, a Chinese, a Moorish maid, a dancer or a grand dame in the latest French mode, who is showing you how easy it is to be a conjurer. In addition to the mystic feats Middle Palermo gives a real Spanish dance and she and Chefalo show how the real Argentine tango should be danced, for they learnt each in the country of their origin in their world tour. Chefalo and Palermo appear here in the Theatre Royal commencing on Saturday week, January 8. Seats can now be reserved in advance at Moutrie and the prices are \$3, \$2 and \$1. Mr. Duncan Nevin, the well known Australian manager, accompanies them on their tour of the East.

BANDMAN COMEDY COMPANY.

Last Three Nights.

The Bandman Comedy Company last night presented "Billet-doux" to an audience which greatly appreciated the clever presentation of the play.

The Company's stay here is now drawing to a close, only three more plays being produced. To-night "Caesar's Wife," a very clever comedy, is being staged, whilst to-morrow "Nothing But the Truth" is the attraction. This story of the difficulties of absolute truthfulness for four and twenty hours is one that should not be missed. The final night will be on Friday, when "The Rotters" will be put on.

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai—Per MONTEAGLE, 31st Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To-morrow.

Shanghai & North China—Per DILWANA, 11 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, & Calcutta—Per TANDA, noon.

Fort Bayard, Hoilow & Haiphong—Per HANOU, 5 p.m.

Amoy—Per EURYALUS, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per HYDRANGEA, 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per LAKE FIELDING, 5 p.m.

Japan—Per TILATJAP, 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Takao—Per SOSHU M., 9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

LEFT FOR HOME.

Hearty Send-off for Mr. and Mrs. Stabb.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Stabb left this morning by the S.S. Colombia and were given a magnificent send-off from Status Pier. The staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation carried Mr. Stabb shoulder-high from the Bank building to the pier, while Mrs. Stabb was transported by chair. Long strings of crackers were fired from the Bank premises, so intense was the firing that business in the Supreme Court had to be suspended.

A large and representative crowd gathered at the Pier to wish Mr. and Mrs. Stabb good-bye. There were representatives of the Banks, and brokers, leading residents of the Colony and a large number of ladies, together with a large portion of the European staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stabb were visibly touched, and after wishing good-bye and shaking hands with all those present on the Pier they boarded the launch Woodong. Large and beautiful bouquets were placed on the launch, in which also were Mr. A. G. Stephen, Mr. Ho Wing the Bank's comptroller, and a few very personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stabb. Three cheers were given for the departing residents. Last night at the mess of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank a dinner was given to Mr. Stabb.

EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11).

SELLING.

T/T	3/13 1/4
Demand	3/1 15/16
30 d/s	3/2 1/16
60 d/s	3/2 3/16
4 m/s	3/2 5/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	136
T/T Japan	114
T/T India	219
Demand, India	219 1/4
T/T San Francisco	55 1/4
& New York	55 1/4
T/T Java	174 1/2
T/T Manila	Nom.
T/T Hongkong	9 1/4
Demand, Paris	

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3 3/4
4 m/s. D/P	3 1/4
6 m/s. L/C	3 1/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3 1/4
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	57
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	10/05
6 m/s. France	10/25
Demand, Germany	5/34
Demand, New York	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
On Yokohama	114
Demand, Manila	122 Nom.
Demand, Singapore	136
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	67
Sovereign	Nom. 6.25
Gold leaf per Tael	45.40
Bar Silver, ready	42
forward	42
Bank of England rates	7 1/2
New York/London	3.50 1/4

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

H'kong 50 cts. pieces	1/10 dis.
10	3/16 dis.
5	2/10 dis.
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Dec. 28	11 15	4 45	Jan. 1	11 15	4 45
Dec. 29	11 15	4 45	Jan. 2	11 15	4 45
Dec. 30	11 15	4 45	Jan. 3	11 15	4 45
Jan. 1	11 15	4 45	Jan. 4	11 15	4 45
Jan. 2	11 15	4 45	Jan. 5	11 15	4 45
Jan. 3	11 15	4 45	Jan. 6	11 15	4 45
Jan. 4	11 15	4 45	Jan. 7	11 15	4 45
Jan. 5	11 15	4 45	Jan. 8	11 15	4 45
Jan. 6	11 15	4 45	Jan. 9	11 15	4 45
Jan. 7	11 15	4 45	Jan. 10	11 15	4 45
Jan. 8	11 15	4 45	Jan. 11	11 15	4 45
Jan. 9	11 15	4 45	Jan. 12	11 15	4 45
Jan. 10	11 15	4 45	Jan. 13	11 15	4 45
Jan. 11	11 15	4 45	Jan. 14	11 15	4 45
Jan. 12	11 15	4 45	Jan. 15	11 15	4 45
Jan. 13	11 15	4 45	Jan. 16	11 15	4 45
Jan. 14	11 15	4 45	Jan. 17	11 15	4 45
Jan. 15	11 15	4 45	Jan. 18	11 15	4 45
Jan. 16	11 15	4 45	Jan. 19	11 15	4 45
Jan. 17	11 15	4 45	Jan. 20	11 15	4 45
Jan. 18	11 15	4 45	Jan. 21	11 15	4 45
Jan. 19	11 15	4 45	Jan. 22	11 15	4 45
Jan. 20	11 15	4 45	Jan. 23	11 15	4 45
Jan. 21	11 15	4 45	Jan. 24	11 15	4 45
Jan. 22	11 15	4 45	Jan. 25	11 15	4 45
Jan. 23	11 15	4 45	Jan. 26	11 15	4 45
Jan. 24	11 15	4 45	Jan. 27	11 15	4 45
Jan. 25	11 15	4 45	Jan. 28	11 15	4 45
Jan. 26	11 15	4 45	Jan. 29	11 15	4 45
Jan. 27	11 15	4 45	Jan. 30	11 15	4 45
Jan. 28	11 15	4 45	Jan. 31	11 15	4 45

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